



# KENTUCKY EMS Today

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## FROM THE KENTUCKY EMS BRANCH MANAGER:

I think it is another of those old Chinese sayings, "May you live in interesting times." Isn't that always the case? EMS is not unlike the rest of society, always in transition, one "crisis" after another. For us in EMS, the list of issues seem almost endless. Managed care, new national training standards for EMS professions, changes (actual or desired) in practice standards for EMTs, paramedics, nurses, and other personnel, regulatory changes, privatization, consolidators, pressures on volunteers, unfunded mandates, static public subsidies notwithstanding increasing costs, etc., etc., etc. (With apologies to the King of Siam.) Of course some of these "crises" have been around with us for many years. Others of past years have come and gone (remember ambulance fires).

Here in state government, we have our own list of issues which probably seem pretty tame by your standards in the field. We have our own reorganizations periodically, increasing workloads with no increase in budget or staffing, and trying to keep our plans, procedures, and regulations in step with national standards and the needs of you out in the trenches.

With all the pressures, changes, and sometimes a real emergency or disaster thrown into the mix, it is important to remember what we are all about — the patient. I know it's trite but whenever we face one of these issues and a decision point arises, ask yourself, "What is best for the patient." If you are honest in asking and answering that question, you will probably have made the right decision and can live with yourself afterwards.

Beyond that, take strength from your family, your friends, and your colleagues in EMS. Take care of yourself! Be strong spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Pay attention to personal fitness. Watch out for signs of stress or burnout in yourself and your colleagues. Know that you are loved and appreciated by your patients and your community. And, thanks for all that you do to keep Kentuckians healthy and alive!

(Robert Calhoun)

## Public Hearings on Draft Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan for Kentucky & Ambulance Related Regulations Have Good Turnout

As we prepare to get this newsletter out, the six rounds of public meetings/hearings on the draft *Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan for Kentucky* and Kentucky's regulations dealing with ambulance licensing and matching grants are nearly complete. Well over one hundred individuals including ambulance directors, EMS educators, EMTs, paramedics, and community planners will have participated. Their comments on the plan, the regulations, or both were valuable and appreciated. In addition to the actual comments received, the hearings presented an invaluable opportunity to exchange ideas on the vision of EMS systems, both as they are and as they should be, with individuals from all parts of Kentucky. Many of these individuals are often unable to travel to Frankfort to express their opinions.

The EMS/Trauma Systems Committee of the Kentucky EMS Council will schedule meetings later this summer to review the comments received on the draft plan and the various ambulance/matching grant regulations. We anticipate the committee making recommendations to the Kentucky EMS Council on the draft EMS plan in time for their next meeting scheduled for August 25, 1998. After the plan is completed, the committee will turn its attention to the regulations. After considering all the comments received on the existing regulations, the EMS/Trauma Systems Committee and staff of the EMS Branch will draft revisions to the Class I ground ambulance licensing regulation and to the regulations which govern the Senate Bill 66 EMS matching grant program. Once the proposed revisions have been reviewed by the full Kentucky EMS Council and the Cabinet, there will be another public hearing on the proposals.

As you can tell above, it is a slow process to develop or amend a regulation. But the process, with all its steps, does serve the purpose of stimulating discussion between the agency (the EMS Branch of the Cabinet for Health Services) and the individuals or organizations affected by the regulation. Over the past 18 months, we have seen movement to review or revise virtually all current EMS regulations in Kentucky – paramedic training and certification, EMT training and certification, EMT-first responder training and certification, our various classes of ambulance licensing regulations, and now the regulations governing the matching grant program. The EMS Branch and the Kentucky EMS Council have held dozens of public meetings to hear from the “public” on what needs to be changed. Several EMS associations have held additional meetings to debate the content of these proposals. Several near final drafts have been recalled for reconsidering and reworking the language to make them clear and comprehensive. Our sincere hope is to get all these regulation revisions completed by the end of the calendar year and then leave them alone for a couple of years.

(Robert Calhoun)

## Recent Appointments to the Kentucky EMS Council

Commissioner of Public Health, Dr. Rice Leach, recently appointed two new individuals to the Kentucky EMS Council as replacements for David Lyon of Hazard and James Ritchey of Lawrenceburg who had resigned earlier this year. The new appointees are:

- Julia Martin, MD, with the Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Dr. Martin has an excellent background in EMS having been certified as an EMT and a paramedic in West Virginia before receiving her medical degree. She has also assisted at the last several Kentucky paramedic boards as an examiner for the orals and is currently working with the Kentucky EMS for Children project at UK in organizing the APLS course in Kentucky.
- Tony Peeler, RN, with the Emergency Department of Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Mr. Peeler spent the early part of his career in the military medical facilities. He is the director of the Emergency Department at PMH, still pitches in to provide clinical nursing care, and also serves on the Pike County 911 Board.

A complete list of the current Kentucky EMS Council is provided as part of this newsletter.

## 1998 Kentucky EMS Council

| TERM EXP   | NAME                        | ORGANIZATION                            | CITY-STATE-ZIP           |
|------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Ex Officio | Rice C. Leach, MD           | KY Dept. for Public Health              | Frankfort, KY 40621      |
| Sept. 1998 | Stephen O. Bernardon, MD    | St. Elizabeth Hospital                  | Edgewood, KY 41017       |
| Sept. 1998 | Terry A Akin, EMT-P         | Adair County EMS                        | Columbia, KY 42728       |
| Sept. 1999 | John D. Hoyle, Sr.          | Hoyle Group Health Care Consultants     | Ft. Thomas, KY 41075     |
| Sept. 1999 | Kenneth R. Knipper, EMT     | Campbell County DES                     | Alexandria, KY 41001     |
| Sept. 1999 | David Eric Bentley, MD      | Central Kentucky Surgical Institute     | Campbellsville, KY 42718 |
| Sept. 1999 | Elizabeth Karen Freeman, RN | KY Tech & Parr Medical Sales            | Benton, KY 42025         |
| Sept. 1999 | Charles M. O'Neal, EMT-P    | Medical Ctr. Ambulance Svc., Inc.       | Madisonville, KY 42431   |
| Sept. 2000 | Daniel J. O'Brien, MD       | U of L, Dept of Emer. Med.              | Louisville, KY 40202     |
| Sept. 2000 | Paul A. Kearney, MD         | UKMC, Dept of Surgery                   | Lexington, KY 40536-0084 |
| Sept. 2000 | Sherman Hockenbury, EMT-P   | Yellow Ambulance Service                | Louisville, KY 40217     |
| Sept. 2000 | Lee Brown, RN               | WKU, So. Central KY Health Education Tr | Bowling Green, KY 42101  |
| Sept. 2000 | Kelly Callaham, EMT-P       | Martin Co. Judge/Executive              | Inez, KY 40536           |
| Sept. 2001 | Julia Martin, MD            | UKMC, Dept of Emer. Med.                | Lexington, KY 40536      |
| Sept. 2001 | Tony Peeler, RN             | Pikeville Methodist Hospital            | Pikeville, KY 41501      |

Correct as of Tuesday June 2, 1998.

(Robert Calhoun)

# 1998 EMS AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE

Nominations are being accepted for the 1998 EMS Awards which will be presented at the 1998 Kentucky EMS Conference and Trade Show to be held September 3-5, 1998, at the Executive Inn - Rivermont in Owensboro. These awards are to provide recognition to those individuals and organizations whose dedication, leadership, and contributions uphold the highest standards of service. To be considered, nominations must be received in the EMS Branch **no later than July 31, 1998**.

## General Guidelines for Nominations:

The following guidelines should be followed for all nominees, regardless of category:

All nominations should be accompanied by a nomination form and not more than 3 typewritten pages which describe why the individual or organization should be considered for an award including:

- Examples of how the nominee demonstrates his/her knowledge and skills relating to the delivery of emergency medical services.
- Description of activities of the nominee which demonstrates professionalism, eagerness to serve, and a quality of leadership which goes beyond expected norms.
- Examples of the nominee's activities within his/her service or community, to educate the public and promote EMS awareness.

In addition, nominations may be accompanied by letters of support, newspaper clippings, audio or video tapes, examples of promotional materials, and other evidence to support the nomination.

## Emergency Medical Services Award Categories:

**EMT of the Year; Paramedic of the Year** — The EMT and Paramedic of the Year should represent the best the professions have to offer. Nominees should not only have demonstrated proficiency in patient care, but must display professionalism which commands respect from patient and peers alike.

**EMS Provider Public Education Award** — The EMS Provider Public Education Award is presented to an ambulance service, hospital, or other provider organization in recognition of significant contributions to the improvement of the public's understanding of EMS. The award recognizes organizations which educate the public on how to access the EMS system, provide training in CPR or first aid, or otherwise promotes effective utilization of the EMS system.

**EMS Educator of the Year** — The EMS Educator of the Year may or may not be a certified EMT instructor. The individual recognized should be one who has made significant contributions to the education of EMS personnel in his/her service or community and whose professionalism has commanded the respect of his/her peers, students, and the public.

**EMS Special Recognition Award** — The EMS Special Recognition Award was established to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the planning, development, implementation, or evaluation of EMS systems within their local community or the state as a whole. Individuals nominated may be an EMS professional who has worked to improve the quality and availability of any component of EMS or trauma care systems. Alternatively, the individual may be a public official, community leader, or other "lay person" who had spearheaded significant improvements to EMS in their community of the Commonwealth.

# 1998 EMS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Please Attach A Copy Of This Form To Each Nomination)

*Category this Nomination is For:*

☐ EMT of the Year      ☐ Paramedic of the Year      ☐ EMS Educator of the Year  
☐ EMS Special Recognition      ☐ Provider Public Education/Information

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Daytime Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ .

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Employer/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Level of Certification/License: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Daytime Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ .

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations Should be submitted to:

EMS Award Nominations

Emergency Medical Services Branch

Dept. for Public Health

275 East Main Street

Frankfort KY 40621

## ***DEADLINE***

**Nominations are due no later than  
JULY 31, 1998**

## Nominations Being Solicited for the Kentucky EMS Council

Nominations are being sought for appointments to the Kentucky EMS Council. The Council is currently made up of 15 members broadly representative of the various providers and professions involved with EMS including ambulance directors, hospital representatives, EMTs, paramedics, RNs, physicians, and an elected official. In addition to the professional mix, the Council strives to be geographically balanced by Kentucky's six Congressional districts. The terms of two current members of the Council expire this fall – Stephen Bernardon, MD, from Edgewood, and Terry Akin, EMT-P, from Columbia.

Consideration is being given to expanding the size of the Kentucky EMS Council to include more individuals with needed expertise in various components of comprehensive EMS systems as well as emergency medical services for children. While there are no fixed "slots" on the current or expanded Kentucky EMS Council, here are some of the groups or professions for which representation is desirable:

- Physicians (including emergency physicians, trauma surgeons, pediatricians, pediatric critical care specialists, family physicians, etc.)
- Other EMS personnel (including emergency nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and EMT-first responders)
- EMS educators (including EMT instructors, paramedic instructors, PALS or EMS for Children instructors, and others who provide community education in EMS topics)
- EMS providers (ambulance services and organizations which provide medical first response services)
- Hospital representatives (including emergency departments, trauma facilities, and specialized treatment facilities such as burns, spinal cord injuries, pediatrics, etc.)
- Other EMS system representatives (including injury prevention, emergency medical dispatch, rehabilitation, and evaluation/research)
- Community representatives (including elected officials, consumers, and parents of children who have received emergency medical services)

If you or your organization know of individuals who have this type of expertise and are willing to serve on the Kentucky EMS Council and its working committees, you are invited to submit nominations or nominate yourself. **Please send all nominations to the EMS Branch, Attention: Robert Calhoun, by August 1, 1998.** We will require a resume or CV for each nominee plus a state provided biographical information sheet (contact the EMS Branch at 502/564-8963 for a copy). Organizations submitting nominations should strive to submit multiple names from various regions of the state since the Council must continue to be balanced geographically.

## EMS Branch Phone Numbers

To properly direct your inquiries when calling the Kentucky EMS Branch offices in Frankfort and around the state, please note the following telephone numbers by function:

| <u>EMS Branch Activity</u>                                   | <u>Phone Number</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| · EMS Personnel Training, Testing, or Certification          | 502/564-8950        |
| · Ambulance Provider Licensing & Inspections                 | 502/564-8161        |
| · Financial Support (Senate Bill 66 Grants, Contracts, etc.) | 502/564-8948        |
| · EMS Branch General Information                             | 502/564-8963        |

  

| <u>Regional EMS Advisor/Inspectors:</u> | <u>Pager</u>                   | <u>Phone No.</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
| North Central KY – Bill Durrett         | 800/999-2200 PIN 2052          | 502/564-8161     |
| Northern KY – David Lilly               | 800/999-2200 PIN 2066          | 502/564-8161     |
| Western KY – Sharon Pierceall           | 800/677-5220 PIN 212           | 502/527-9138     |
| South Central KY – Rick Strunk          | 800/999-2200 PIN 2077          | 606/376-4080     |
| Southeast KY – David Williams           | 800/795-0883 PIN 5073          | 606/864-4764     |
| Northeast KY – Randy Warner             | Call EMS Branch Central Office |                  |

## EMS Branch Mail & Delivery Address

When corresponding with or sending materials to the EMS Branch in Frankfort, please use the following complete address:

Emergency Medical Services Branch  
Department for Public Health  
Health Services Building  
Delivery Stop HS 1E-F  
275 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40621-0001

That "delivery stop" is especially important if you are sending packages by parcel carriers. One in particular, has consistently refused to deliver both regular or overnight packages that did not have the delivery stop noted. If you are corresponding with a particular person, address your material to that person. **Please check the mailing address on your own list or directory.** We continue to get mail addressed to Tommy Thompson, Pat Loar Jones, and other individuals who have long retired from EMS. They deserve their retirement and more importantly, your mail to us may be lost or delayed if the address is incorrect or addressed to an individual who no longer works in EMS.

(Robert Calhoun)

## (Robert Calhoun) EMS Branch Staff Changes

**The following addition and loss to the staff of the EMS Branch have occurred since the last newsletter:**

Patty Jeffries joined the Training & Certification Section in April, replacing Lucy Landers who had left last fall. Patty is a career state employee who has worked in a variety of programs within the Department for Public Health, most recently working with the Pediatric Clinical Services program. Patty's EMS Branch duties include reviewing and processing Implementing Agency and course applications for EMT Basic and EMT-B Transition training. Additionally, Patty assists with designing training and certification examination printed materials and forms, maintaining adequate supplies of these materials and mailing them to agencies as needed.

She also maintains computer data related to EMT-Basic training and assists with processing information related to the Kentucky EMT-B certification written examinations. Her office phone number is 502-564-8950.

Randy Warner, our Regional EMS Advisor/Inspector for Northeast Kentucky, announced his decision to file for a disability retirement and to immediately go on leave status while his retirement application is being processed. Randy has worked for the EMS Branch since 1990 and was one of the four regional positions initially established that year to provide technical assistance and consultation to EMS providers, local elected officials, and others in expanding or improving their local emergency medical services. Randy's duties were expanded when the Branch assumed responsibility for ambulance licensing and inspections in 1994. All the staff of the EMS Branch, and I'm sure most of the EMS providers and personnel in Northeast and Eastern Kentucky, join in offering Randy our thanks and best wishes for the future. Until an individual can be recruited to fill Randy's position, other staff from the EMS Branch will be utilized to service Randy's old region.

(Robert Calhoun)

## MERIDIAN ANNOUNCES NATIONWIDE VOLUNTARY CLASS I RECALL OF EPIPEN AND EPIPEN JR. AUTO-INJECTORS

Meridian Medical Technologies Inc. announced that it is conducting a voluntary Class I recall of 47 lots of EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. auto-injectors distributed in the United States, Germany, Israel, Denmark, Canada, Turkey, Australia, Greece and South Africa. Meridian is recalling these products because some of these may not provide effective doses of medication to treat acute allergic emergencies (anaphylaxis). Patients who have product with the involved lot numbers should return them to their place of purchase for a free replacement. If a replacement is not available, patients should contact their health care provider. For further information, patients may call 1-800-240-5788.

The affected product was distributed in the United States by Dey Laboratories between July 1997 and April 1998 and is identified on the packaging as being manufactured for Center Laboratories or Dey Laboratories by Survival Technology Inc. or Meridian Medical Technologies. The EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. lot numbers are imprinted on both the end of the outside of the carton and on the auto-injector label (in the clear area).

Lot numbers involved are:

7SX208, 7SX209, 7SX216, 7SX217, 7SX194, 7RX204, 7RX223, 7SR247, 7SR265, 7SR286, 7SR292, 7SR293, 7SR317, 7SR318, 7SR321, 7SR342, 7SR355, 7SR356, 7SR358, 7SR370, 7SR371, 7SR378, 7JR242, 7JR243, 7JR289, 7JR290, 7JR323, 7JR361, 7JR362, 7JR374, 7JR375, 8SR004, 8SS077, 8SS078, 7C6214, 7C6279, 7C8277, 7C8381, 7F7221, 7F7262, 7F7380, 7C5238, 7C5376, 7F8391, 7F8220, 7F8263, 7CA382

All other lot numbers are safe to use.

"We have identified and addressed the cause of the problem.

We are confident it is isolated to these lots.

## Ambulance Service Actions

### NEWSERVICES:

Thunder Ridge E.M.S.  
701 KY Route 3  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Director: Gilbert F. Storey, Jr.  
Phone: 606-886-7223  
Effective Date: 02/23/98  
Geographic Area: The Thunder Ridge Harness and Stock Car Racing Track

### CLOSED SERVICES:

AAA Ambulance of Harlan  
202 South Cumberland Avenue  
Harlan, KY 40831  
Effective Date: 03/27/98

Saint Thomas Advanced Transport  
207 Omohundro Place  
Nashville, TN 37210  
Effective Date: 05/05/98

### LICENSED AMBULANCE SERVICES:

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Ground ..... | 256 |
| Air .....    | 10  |
| Total .....  | 266 |

### VEHICLES:

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Ground Ambulances ..... | 1027 |
| Rotary .....            | 13   |
| Fixed-Wing .....        | 3    |
| Total .....             | 1043 |

## EMS REGIONAL ADVISOR/INSPECTOR REPORTS...

### Western Kentucky Region

This quarter I have conducted eleven (11) annual relicensing inspections, one (1) replacement vehicle inspection, one (1) additional vehicle inspection and attended one (1) advisory meeting.

I have met with the First Responder sub-committee five (5) times since the last newsletter to present a draft regulation document to the Training Committee and the EMS Council. The First Responder sub-committee is also in the process of developing the curriculum for a First Responder transition course for existing First Responders and a Train the Trainer program for First Responder instructors to be shared statewide. A Notice of Intent was filed on May 15th, if all goes well and there are few adjustments to be made, these regulations could be promulgated by the first of 1999. However, these regulations go hand in hand with the EMT-Basic regulations and if they are delayed, the First Responder regulation will be delayed as well.

I have attended three (3) Training Committee meetings at which the EMT-Basic regulations have been reviewed and discussed. Hopefully, these regulations, too, are in the final stages so they can be promulgated in 1999 as well.

April started off with a bang with the Tiki Mast Symposium being held in Clarksville, TN, and the KY EMT Instructors' spring conference being held in Owensboro the same weekend. From all reports, the first annual Tiki symposium was a great success with plans already being made for next year. The Anderson County Ambulance Service and the Anderson County Fiscal Court was host to the paramedic boards held April 17-19th. On April 25th, I attended the West KY EMS Association's Spring Training to present the EMS update. WKEMS sponsored continuing education classes that were interesting and informative. On May 29-30th, I assisted Charlie O'Neal with the paramedic board retest given at Somerset/Pulaski County EMS.

Other events in Western Kentucky include:

1. The West KY EMS Association continues to hold EMT Transition Courses for area groups and organizations. For information concerning these courses and upcoming events, call Tom Brown at (502) 554-8088.
2. West KY Tech in Paducah will be conducting a fall EMT class scheduled to begin August 3rd at the school on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm. For more information, contact Pat Trevathan at (502) 554-3968.
3. Community Methodist Hospital Ambulance Service in Henderson previewed its new "Good To Be Alive" program focusing on teen violence on May 18th. This program is excellent and is scheduled for high school/middle school presentations in Henderson, Webster, and Union counties in the fall. For more information on this program and other continuing education offerings, call (502) 826-6558 or visit them on-line at <http://www.angelfire.com/ky/hendersonems>.
4. Carlisle County Ambulance Service continues to hold training sessions for mass casualty. For additional information, contact Wayne Floyd at (502)628-0248.
5. Todd County EMS is receiving bids for a new ambulance. Bid opening will be on June 23rd.
6. Caldwell County EMS has served as host for several events recently including the paramedic recertification test with approximately 40 in attendance and the regional planning meeting for providers' input on SB66 funding, Class I ground regulations and the EMS 2000 plan.

7. Hickman-Fulton County Ambulance Service is sponsoring an EMT-B Transition Course beginning June 15th at the City Hall Building in Hickman. For more information, contact Bill Murray at (502) 236-2535.

8. Kentucky Tech in Princeton will be conducting an EMT-B Transition Course this summer with David and Linda Crenshaw as instructors. For more information, call David at (502) 365-3787.

9. Yellow Ambulance assumed operations of Owensboro/Daviess County EMS on March 1, 1998. This service along with Yellow Ambulance Service of Daviess County will be moving into their new facility at 1101 Alsop Lane on June 15th. Phone numbers will remain the same.

10. Mayfield-Graves County EMS conducted a BTLs Class on March 27-29th and Murray-Calloway County EMS has one (1) scheduled for the near future. For more information, contact Jerry Gorrell at (502) 753-9333.

11. Lyon County Ambulance Service along with other Lyon County EMS agencies were busy during EMS week providing free blood pressure/blood sugar checks, teaching CPR classes for the community, offering a kid's bike rodeo, demonstrating vehicle rescue, and providing a pot luck dinner for EMS agencies and their families.

12. Trigg County Ambulance Service is planning several events including a golf tournament on July 12, 1998. The event will be a 4-man scramble/bring your own team with the entry fee of \$100.00 per team. All proceeds to go to Toys for Tots. For additional information on this and other upcoming events, contact Nell Thomas at (502) 522-3215 or use their E-Mail at [triggems@ziggycom.net](mailto:triggems@ziggycom.net).

13. Westvaco Ambulance Service which services Westvaco industry at Wickliffe has had their protocols approved and will be inspected this month to upgrade to Advanced Life Support.

14. Mercy Regional EMS will be sending two representatives from their organization to Memphis to attend a meeting on school violence. Representatives from hospitals, law enforcement agencies, as well as the school representatives and EMS who have been involved in teen violence in areas such as Pearl, MS, Jonesboro, AR, Stamps, AZ, and Edinboro, PA, have been invited.

If you need information for a particular area not listed above, contact me at (502) 527-9138.

**Sharon Pierceall**  
**Regional EMS Advisor/Inspector**  
**Western Kentucky Region**

## NORTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY REGION

1. Activities since the last Newsletter:
  - 23 relicensing inspections
  - 19 additional vehicle inspections
  - 4 replacement vehicle inspections
  - 1 change of location
  - 1 change of classification from Class I to Class III
  - 3 complaint investigations
2. Trimble County now has Basic 911 service, which became operational in May, 1998.
3. Due to the purchase of a Lifepak 500 by the Buffalo Fire and Rescue, Larue County can now provide AED service. Dr. Don Miller is the acting medical director for the Larue County EMS and is overseeing the AED certification.
4. Training classes in my region started during this reporting period include:
  - 17 EMT Transition Courses:
    - 5 in Lexington
    - 5 in Louisville
    - 2 in Carrollton
    - 1 in Anchorage
    - 1 in Cloverport
    - 1 in Ft. Knox
    - 1 in LaGrange
    - 1 in Leitchfield

- 6 EMT Basic Courses:
  - 3 in Louisville
  - 1 in Cloverport
  - 1 in Lexington
  - 1 in New Castle

- 3 Paramedic Courses:
  - 1 in Elizabethtown
  - 1 in Lexington
  - 1 in Louisville

I have attended two public hearings on the state plan, and one EMS Council meeting. As well as recommended future changes for the Class I regulations since the last newsletter.

**Bill Durrett**  
**Regional Advisor/Inspector**  
**North Central KY Region**

## SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY REGION

1. Allen's Ambulance Service in Owsley County recently had a very successful Blood Drive and Poster Contest for the Elementary School Grades K - 3 as part of National EMS Week.
2. Life Care Ambulance Service in Breathitt County plans to upgrade to Advanced Life Support July 1, 1998. They are planning an Open House on July 11, from 10:00am to 3:00pm, everyone is invited.
3. Clay County Ambulance Service would like to report that Clay County Basic 911 Service began operation June 1, 1998.
4. Letcher Volunteer Fire & Rescue Ambulance Service is currently adding on to their existing building. The new addition will be two (2) bays with sleeping quarters upstairs.
5. Knox County EMS recently held a "Trauma Day" on May 20th, for Elementary School children. Area firefighters and also aeromedical services from University of Kentucky and University of Tennessee participated in the event.
6. Red Bird Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. has acquired ownership of Red Bird Medical Center Ambulance Service effective May 31, 1998.

**David Williams**  
**Regional EMS Advisor/Inspector**  
**Southeastern Kentucky Region**

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGION

1. The following ambulance services have had new ambulance inspections in my area:
  - Southern Campbell Vol. FD Ambulance Service - replacement
  - ACTT, Inc. in Robertson County - 2 additional
  - Transcare of Kentucky, Inc. in Northern Kentucky - additional
  - Montgomery Co. Ambulance Service-additional
  - Gallatin Co. Metro Ambulance Service-replacement
  - Martin Co. Ambulance Service-replacements & 1 additional
2. The following ambulances services have had relicensing inspections in my area:
  - Kenton Community FD & Rescue Squad
  - Park Hills Rescue Squad
  - Bromley VFD Life Squad
  - Transcare of Kentucky, Inc. in Northern Ky
  - Frankfort Fire & EMS
  - Verona Rescue Squad Ambulance Service
  - Walton Fire Protection District Ambulance Service
  - Burlington Rescue Squad Ambulance Service
  - Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport FD Ambulance Service
  - Florence Fire & EMS

Bellevue-McVillie Rescue Squad  
 Gallatin Co. Metro Ambulance Service  
 Point Pleasant Fire Protection District Ambulance Service  
 Winchester Fire Dept. EMS  
 Montgomery Co. Ambulance Service  
 Covington FD Ambulance Service  
 Ryland Heights & Community Life Squad  
 Edgewood Fire & EMS  
 City of Taylor Mill Fire/EMS  
 Piner-Fiskburg Vol. FD Ambulance Service  
 Elsemere Rescue Squad  
 Kd Care King's Daughter Neonatal Transport Service in Ashland

Crescent Villa Fire Authority Ambulance Service

3. During the first quarter of 1998, I investigated one complaint in my area and one out of my area.
4. Two Satellite locations, Rural/Metro ambulance at 20 Grand Ave., Fort Thomas and ACTT at 1047 Henderson Branch, Olive Hill.
5. Meetings held during this quarter were EMS Council Meetings and Northern Kentucky Public Hearing meeting at Florence EMS.
6. ACTT in Robertson County upgraded their ambulance service to ALS effective May 22, 1998.
7. Fire and EMT classes are being taught at Northern Kentucky on June 27 thru 28 at the Scott High School in Taylor Mill. Transitional courses are also being scheduled at various Hospitals, Fire Departments and Ambulances services in Northern Kentucky. For more information contact the facilities in your area.
8. Northern Kentucky EMS Council meets the first Friday of each month at different locations. They are established by ordinance in Boone, Campbell and Kenton county as to their makeup of the council and are very active in the EMS plan.
9. Some of the Boone County Sheriff deputies have now been trained to operate AED's through St. Luke West and carry them in their cars. Congratulations to them and we wish this program success for the department and the patient.
10. EMS week has come and gone by so quickly. There was a surge of activity during the week with CPR classes, Articles in the papers, proclamations and public relations to let the public know more about ambulance services.

**David B. Lilly**  
**Regional Advisor/Inspector**  
**Northern Kentucky Region**

## EMS E-Mail

### Addresses are to change:

Over the next few weeks and months, EMS E-Mail accounts are going to change. The following is conversion information to try to help you when you get mail returned.

wking@mail.state.ky.us                      will be  
 wayne.king@mail.state.ky.us

Department for Information Systems is changing from first initial, last name to first name (dot) last name.

As of 6/15/1998, Martha Crabtree is the only employee to have had this change made. Check with <http://hultgren.org> (**Kentucky EMS Connection**) as we will try to keep his list of E-Mail Addresses correct.

(Wayne King)

## Be prepared for Incident Management System (IMS) and Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)

I attended an IMS class at Erlanger, which leads me to this article. Any MCI will start off with chaos, personnel running everywhere, equipment being used in the wrong places as well as on the wrong people. Triage areas should be set up for the treatment of all patients with red, yellow and green areas identified with the red area for priority patients. Having a plan and how you designed your plan can determine how quickly you will have an organized incident. All emergency services need to have the following: 1) a plan for Mass Casualties, 2) an Incident Management System and 3) their personnel trained for an MCI. What kind of incident would you think would be a MCI? Any incident that involves patients and some other factor(s) in which your ambulance service and other agencies will have to be involved. You may find you need outside ambulance resources either in your county or from a surrounding county. IMS uses command, planning, logistics, operations and finance as the main functions in an incident. Whether you take command of the incident or let someone from another agency (fire, police, rescue or DES) take that position, you still need to understand what position you hold and what role your staff plays in the incident. Your personnel should be transporting, triaging, rehabbing emergency personnel and rescuing the trauma patients under an organized accountability system. Someone should be in charge of each of these functions. In any incident you have to be able to keep track of where your personnel are located. You must know the location of patients in the triage area, to what facility they are being transported, and by what means they are being transported. You will need supplies for your patients, since the supplies on the ambulance will not last long. You need communications with the commander, hospital, staging and other ambulance services responding to your mutual aid call. Preplanning and training helps in how quickly you can change the chaos to an organized response with IMS in a MCI. There are many articles in magazines on these subjects, training classes (ICS, IMS, START, MCI, Hazmat) and supplies to help your service become prepared. The Federal Government, Ky. DES and Ky. Vocational Tech are scheduling Terrorism Classes through out the Commonwealth to prepare agencies to be ready for MCI's. I encourage you and your staff to take this 15 hours class. Can it happen in your area? Maybe the question is when will it happen in your area?

**David B. Lilly**  
**Regional Advisor/Inspector**  
**Northern Kentucky Region**

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The information listed below reflects disciplinary actions taken by the Cabinet since publication of the April, 1998 EMS Newsletter. This information is intended as a public notice of final actions taken. It does not include pending actions or actions that are under appeal. It may also not reflect all of the factors involved in the action such as the complete criminal or disciplinary history of the EMT, the severity of the violation, or other mitigating factors. This listing should not be used to judge or assess what action the Cabinet would likely take as a result of a particular infraction or act of misconduct.

### PROBATIONARY EMT CERTIFICATIONS

**Cook, Shanna L.** EMT certificate #43538, Water Valley Kentucky. Placed on probationary status from June 30, 1998 until June 30, 2000 pursuant to 902 KAR 13:090, Section 1 (20)(b) due to a conviction of a misdemeanor.

**Harris, Mark C.,** EMT certificate #43620, Lexington, Kentucky. Placed on probationary status from June 30, 1998 until June 30, 2000 pursuant to 902 KAR 13:090, Section 1 (20)(b) due to a history of traffic violation.

**Lanter, Michael Thomas,** EMT certificate #43229, Lexington, Kentucky. Placed on probationary status from June 30, 1998 until June 30, 2000 pursuant to 902 KAR 13:090, Section 1 (20)(b) due to a history of traffic violations.

### RESTRICTED EMT CERTIFICATIONS

**Elliott, Robert A.,** EMT certificate #43436, Arjay, Kentucky. Certified on restricted status from June 30, 1998 through June 30, 2000 pursuant to 902 KAR 13:090, Section 1(1) and (20)(b) due to a convicted of a felony or misdemeanor.

### REVOKED EMT CERTIFICATIONS

**Easland, Robert R.,** EMT certificate #37321, Richmond, Kentucky. Certificate revoked April 17, 1998 pursuant to 902 KAR 13:090, Section 1(15) and 20(a) due to a conviction of a felony.

### SUSPENDED EMT CERTIFICATIONS

The certificates of the following persons have been suspended for issuing a check for a certificate on an invalid account or an account which does not have sufficient funds to pay the fee. A person whose certificate has been suspended may not be employed as an EMT, function as an EMT, nor wear any insignia or labels which would imply to the public that he or she is an EMT:

**Harris, Roger,** EMT #39794, Greenup, Kentucky.

**Shown, Matt,** EMT #43492, Madisonville, Kentucky.

### SUSPENSION REVOKED

The certificates of the following persons are no longer suspended due to their having paid their fee for certification:

**Downing, Christopher,** EMT #40795, Wittenburg, Kentucky.

**Hurst, Evelyn,** EMT #39073, Burlington, Kentucky.

**Vincent, Dawn,** EMT #39337, Jeffersonville, Kentucky.

## Kentucky Emergency Medical Services for Children

The EMS for Children Act (HB 249) passed the General Assembly in March 1998 and the bill was signed by Gov. Paul Patton on April 1, 1998. Dr. Susan Pollack, EMSC Principal Investigator, Dr. Julia Martin, APLS Medical Director, Theresa Elza, RN, EMSC Clinical Coordinator, David Dinwiddie, EMT-P, EMSC Training Coordinator, and Coy Harris EMT-P, EMSC Coordinator (EMSC staff), along with Bob Calhoun, State EMS, Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, Sponsor of the bill, Rep. Jeff Hoover, Co-sponsor of the bill, Sen. Nick Kafogolis, Senate sponsor of the bill, were present for the signing of the bill.

On behalf of the EMSC staff, and the children in the state of Kentucky, I want to thank each and everyone that made calls and talked with your legislators to garner support to get this bill passed, without your help and devotion, this would not have been possible.

Kentucky has submitted the EMSC Implementation Grant Renewal for year 3. We received an additional \$125,000, which enabled us with rollover funds from year 1, to continue the project for the entire third year. This should sustain the project until we can apply for a partnership grant from the federal government, which will then fund the project under the new legislation at the state level.

### **Training:**

#### **PALS**

Our initial objective was to provide PALS training to 96 people (12 providers x 8 courses per year). As of April, 1998 (50% of the way into the second year of the grant), 413 people have received PALS training through 30 courses (88 instructors and 325 providers in 9 instructor and 21 provider courses). Training has been provided to 167 EMT-P's,

175 RN's, 38 MD's, 16 CRTT's, 4 NP's, and 13 other people. Through this training, PALS classes have now been conducted in 14 of the 15 Area Development Districts (ADDs) in Kentucky.

#### **NCEMSC/PEP**

Our initial objective was to provide the NCEMSC/PEP courses training to 160 people (20 providers x 8 courses per year). As of April, 1998 (50% of the way into the second year of the grant) 19 courses have been given to 597 people (554 providers and 27 instructors). Training has now been offered in 7 of the 8 remaining ADD's not served under the previous grant.

#### **APLS**

Our initial objective was to provide 2 APLS courses per year with 20 providers per course. The first Advanced Pediatric Life Support course for physicians is tentatively scheduled to be held in June, 1998, with the second one scheduled for September, 1998.

As the busy vacation season starts, and children are out of school for the summer, we see an increase in needless injuries to these children for a number of reasons. I, along with you, am sure we have seen the best possible care rendered to children at times without success. I pose a question to you. What can we do? Injury prevention is the answer. Bob Luten once said "We must hurry. There is no time to dally. Do we build a fence on the cliff, or put another ambulance in the valley?" This is a dramatic but realistic comment. EMS education must begin to focus on how to build that fence. We have spent a lot of energy equipping those ambulances, but now we must devote ourselves to those fences. It is all of our jobs to seek creative ways to apply prevention at every level.

**Coy Harris, EMT-P,  
EMSC Coordinator**

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## Building Bridges for the year 2000

**Brochures and registration forms** will be available in June -- two convenient ways:

- On our internet site at <http://hultgren.org/Assoc/~kapa/conferen>  
Our internet site contains the most accurate and current information.
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### *EMTs and Paramedics working at hospital-based ambulance services*

**QUESTION:**

If a hospital based ambulance service hires EMTs and Paramedics for the ambulance service, but also utilizes the EMTs and Paramedics to assist in other patient care duties in the hospital such as to take blood pressures, hold traction on patients in the emergency room, insert catheters, transport patients to their rooms and clean bed pans does this violate EMT and Paramedic certification restrictions?

**ANSWER:**

It is the position of the Department for Public Health that an EMT is restricted by his certification from working in a hospital and that a Paramedic is restricted to utilizing his certification for emergency care and as a continuation of prehospital emergency care into the emergency room. The Department believes that EMTs and Paramedics are restricted by statute from working in a hospital if their job duties and qualifications for employment are based on their training and certification as an EMT or Paramedic. However, if the job title is broader than EMT or Paramedic, and requires other training and/or certification in addition to their EMT or Paramedic training and certification, then it would be permissible for such individuals to perform duties commensurate with the additional training and/or certification.

While an ambulance service may be attached to a hospital's emergency department for administrative purposes, its emergency medical personnel may not have primary responsibility and emergency medical duties at the hospital.

However, the statutes address only the professional services of EMTs, they do not address agreements between the ambulance service and the hospital pertaining to duties of ambulance service personnel which are not part of their EMT or paramedic professional services such as bed pan emptying, meal service, and box handling. So long as the EMT's and paramedics of the ambulance service are not providing professional services primarily at the hospital during the workday, the other non-EMT and non-paramedic tasks assigned by the hospital administration to those on call awaiting emergency runs are a matter between the employing hospital and the employee.

GARY BEVILL

**TRAINING ISSUES****EMT FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM**

**THE "BAND-AID" EMT-FR CURRICULUM**, which was updated by the EMT-FR Training Sub-Committee, has started off on a good note. The curriculum, based on the 1995 National Standard Curriculum, was implemented the latter part of March, 1998. Already we have had twenty-four (24) new courses, either just starting or have already finished. The percentage rate for passing the updated course is great. I wish to commend the instructors for a job well done. Hopefully, there will be more and more new courses starting in the future.

**MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE KY EMT-FR CURRICULUM AND REGULATIONS** have been finalized and was presented to the EMS Training Committee on June 9, 1998, for final approval. Once the updated regulation is approved by the EMS Council, each of us will be on the right road to bring the EMT-FR program to a new level. Hopefully, with no problems, the new curriculum will be able to start in early 1999. In the last newsletter, March 1998, I stated that the new course would be 45.5 hours. With other additions made to the new course, it will be 47.5 hours in duration.

**THE LIST FOR APPROVED EMT-FR INSTRUCTORS** is being revised. If you plan to remain active as an approved instructor, you are requested to submit documentation of current credentials (copies of appropriate certifications or licenses) to the EMS Branch.

Listed below are examples of needed information:

1. **Kentucky Law Enforcement Council Instructor and EMT or EMT-FR who has been through the 1994 EMT-B or \*1995 EMT-FR National Standard Curriculum; or**
2. **Certified by the Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards as a Level 1 Fire Protection Instructor or higher and EMT or EMT-FR who has been through the 1994 EMT-B or \*1995 EMT-FR National Standard Curriculum; or**
3. **EMT-Instructor Certified by the Cabinet; or may be**
4. **A physician, registered nurse, or paramedic who has:**
  - (a) **Completed a basic instructional methodology course (minimum of 16 hours) approved by the cabinet; and has**
  - (b) **Experience, or is active in teaching or providing emergency medical services.**

**\*The training in the 1995 EMT-FR Curriculum will be met through the EMT-FR Transition Course for those who were certified earlier than the implementation of this curriculum. As indicated above, it is hoped that implementation of the 1995 revised curriculum for new students will commence early 1999.**

I am mailing a memo to all EMT-FR Instructors who are on my current list of instructors. If this office does not receive a response from the instructor by July 15, 1998, their name will be removed from the EMT-FR Instructor approval list. It is very important for any EMT-FR Instructor who wishes to continue instructing, to respond to this memo, so we can have an accurate number of instructors across the state. If you have recently sent in your current credentials, you do not need to do so again.

**WRITTEN NOTICES OF NAME/ADDRESS CHANGES** should be submitted to this office to ensure that you are receiving notifications from the EMS Branch.

**A TRANSITION COURSE** has been formatted to allow EMT-FRs who are currently certified to update their knowledge of the new curriculum. Anyone who is certified before the new regulations are implemented, will have to take the transition course (by a given deadline) to remain certified. The transition course will be twenty (20) hours in duration. Updated information will be shared in the KY EMS Newsletter and other forms of communication as deemed necessary.

If I may be of any assistance, please feel free to call me at anytime between the hours of 7:00 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday at (502) 564-8950 or 564-8963.

**Glen Lewis**  
**EMT-First Responder Coordinator**  
**glewis@mail.state.ky.us**

**Paramedic Notes**

What a spring!! Things have been very busy all over the state with the Paramedic Board Examination, the retest examination, and all the recertification examinations.

The Spring Paramedic Boards were held in Lawrenceburg, KY at the Anderson County Middle School. It was a facility which worked great for our testing of approximately 140 candidates.

The people from the Anderson County Fiscal Court and EMS went the distance to provide everything they could to make it a very successful experience. The parents and students, from the cheerleaders at the school, not only had a concession stand that kept everyone going for two days, but they filled in as needed as patients, runners or whatever. The personnel from the school were indispensable. All of the candidates that attended the spring boards did better overall this time. They were more prepared and ready for the experience.

The retest for the boards was hosted by Somerset/Pulaski County EMS and Ambulance Inc. of Laurel County. The examination was held at the Meece Middle School in Somerset which was a very good facility with plenty of room for our needs. Here again, the people of the community and the personnel from the ambulance services went the distance in ensuring every detail of the operation was completed with the least amount of delay as possible. Some of the small problems we had at Lawrenceburg were able to be avoided at Somerset, due to some lessons learned by staff at the Lawrenceburg site. This has been a learning experience for everyone.

For all of those candidates (and ambulance services) anxiously awaiting results and Kentucky numbers, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure meets on June 18, 1998. After they give the final approval for issuing certifications and I have received the official results from the National Registry, I hope to have everything in place so that numbers will be out to new Paramedics by the first week in July. Please allow until then for your results to come in before calling the office.

Paramedics who are recertifying for June have done very well in getting all their paperwork in and their examinations completed. The examinations were held at various sites across the state, and a big **THANK YOU !!!!!** goes out to all of the services which hosted the sites. Those sites were:

Morehead Rowan County EMS - Morehead  
Jefferson County EMS - Louisville  
Caldwell County EMS - Princeton  
Somerset/Pulaski County EMS - Somerset  
St. Luke Hospital-West - Florence

One of the main problems I am finding in checking paperwork for recertification is people failing to include a copy of their HIV/AIDS Education Training Documentation. This requirement is listed on the computer reminder card you receive. Also when you take a class you need to check the expiration date of the course CHS number to ensure it hasn't expired before you take your class.

**Virginia "Ginny" Shumate, Paramedic Coordinator**  
**vshumate@mail.state.ky.us**

**ALS SERVICE NOTES**

In the past few months we have either added or upgraded several services. ALS services in the state are starting to gradually move into some of the areas of the state where they are much needed. If at any time we may be of assistance in answering your questions about what is needed for upgrading or starting a new ALS service, please feel free to contact Janet Skelton in licensing or me in ALS. A written explanation of what you are wanting to do will be helpful.

## EMT-Basic TRAINING ISSUES TRAINING AGENCIES

**Written Interpretive Guidelines concerning the Certification Examinations:** Please remind your EMT-B course instructors to provide a copy of this document to all enrolled students early in the course, preferably as other materials are provided at the first lesson. This provides general information so the student will know what to anticipate in preparations for the certification examinations if they successfully pass the course. The information concerning "reasonable accommodations" related to the Americans with Disabilities Act will alert any student about procedures that need to be initiated early in the course if they need to request any accommodation during the training program and in advance of the scheduled certification examinations. One **Master Copy** of these guidelines is included in each set of course materials and it is the responsibility of the course Lead Instructor to see that an adequate number of copies are made to accommodate the number of enrolled students. At some point about half way through the course this document should be discussed in more detail with the students..

**KY EMT Basic Certification Written Examination (using the National Registry of EMTs written examination):** When you receive a letter of confirmation from the EMS Branch concerning approval of the Proctor and your scheduled written certification examination, please share the printed guidelines with the designated Proctor. The EMS Branch is beginning to receive a few incomplete NREMT applications from the National Registry of EMTs. This reflects that the Proctor has not checked the applications for completeness.

## EMT BASIC PROGRAM

**Pneumatic Antishock Garment (Mast Trousers):** When used as a Splint for the Pelvis and Lower Extremities, the pressure used should not exceed 15 mm Hg. Motion, sensation, circulation, and evidence of bleeding should be reassessed frequently after application of the garment. If used for suspected injuries to the femur or pelvis, the garment should be used in conjunction with a long spine board, scoop stretcher, or similar device.

**The EMT-B Transition Course:** Please remember these two very important points! Passing the Transition Course Practical Skill Examination **does not qualify one** to take the EMT-B Certification Written Examination. **One must take the 6-Station KY approved Practical Skills Certification Examination** to be eligible to take the written examination. **The course Lead Instructor must be present and participate in each scheduled lesson!** Allowing an assistant who is not a KY certified EMT Instructor to present a portion of a lesson while the Lead Instructor is out of the room is **unacceptable**. This is not meeting regulatory requirements for providing supervision of the Transition Course as the Lead Instructor has assumed responsibility for to the Sponsoring Agency that has hired them. Repeated violations in this regard may jeopardize the agreement the agency may have with the EMS Branch to continue providing Transition Courses as a Sponsoring Agency.

**Written Verification of Current CPR Training:** The EMS Branch is receiving a variety of documentation, especially related to American Heart Association Courses, for which some are being rejected for certification renewal acceptability. A copy of the individual's certificate of completion signed by the AHA (or whichever agency approved to sponsor the course) Instructor for the course meeting BLS professional rescuer objectives must be provided with recertification documentation. **A list of names on a sign-in roster is not acceptable to meet this requirement.**

## CERTIFICATION ISSUES

**1998 EMT Instructor Candidate Evaluations:** No EMT Instructor Candidate Evaluation was held in 1997. At the recommendation of the May 1998 EMS Council, one is planned to be held in the Fall of 1998 for 1995-1996 candidates who had completed one

evaluation but were not successful. These approximately twenty five (25) persons will be notified in writing within the next thirty (30) days and invited to participate. The evaluation will be conducted only if at least fifteen (15) of the eligible candidates respond that they are interested in the second attempt. This will be the last one held until the revised regulations are ready for promulgation. All remaining persons on the present waiting list, other than the twenty five (25) who will be allowed a second attempt, and new candidates will be required to meet eligibility requirements of the revised regulations. **Therefore no recommendations for new candidates will be accepted until after the new regulations are in place.**

Interested eligible candidates for the 1998 Evaluations will be tested at a central location of the state. The presentation topics and skills will be based on the 1994 revised National Standard curriculum. The candidates will need to provide written evidence of an EMT Basic Transition Course completion as an eligibility requirement.

**Proposed regulations (not ready for implementation),** will require an eligible candidate to complete a 40-hour Methods of Instruction EMT-B Instructor Course prior to doing their teaching internship in an EMT-B course under a supervising KY Certified EMT Instructor. The candidate will be evaluated during their internship by a committee of three (3) persons as the candidate teaches a minimum of ten (10) lessons, five being lecture and the other five in practical skills. Therefore, if the proposed regulations are adopted the evaluation process will take place regionally or more locally to where the candidate lives. Standards and evaluation forms related to the evaluation process will be provided to the three-person evaluation committee members. They will meet after the required presentations by the candidate and determine the pass / fail status of the candidate and make a related recommendation for certification to the EMS Branch.

**Contract Bid between Agency and EMS Branch for Administering the KY EMT Basic Certification Practical Skills Examination:** Effective July 1, 1998 responsibilities will change regarding the administration of the Practical Skills Examination. More responsibility will be assumed by the agency awarded the contract for administrative structuring and coordination of the examinations. EMS Branch staff will be in close communication with the contracted agency as the transitional transfer of responsibility occurs, in order to make the changes go as smoothly as possible. Although the contract for funding assistance from the EMS Branch will be awarded to a single agency, this will not preclude other agencies that request and are approved by the EMS Branch, to also administer the Practical Skills Examination, but candidates will be subject to a fee for service. However, all approved agencies must meet regulatory and EMS Branch written agreement requirements. More information will be provided in future newsletters and other mailings to training agencies and others.



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# DEADLINE

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The next *Kentucky EMS Today* deadline for submission of copy **September 4, 1998**. Earlier submission dates required for copy submitted to other EMS personnel. For more information contact **Wayne King, (502) 564-8963** or [wking3@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:wking3@mail.state.ky.us) by E-Mail.

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